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In re Application of	:	<b>OFFICE OF PETITIONS</b>
Lawrence M. Sherman	:	
Application No. 09/780,266	:	DECISION ON PETITION
Filed: February 9, 2001	:	TO MAKE SPECIAL UNDER
Attorney Docket No. 07473-032	:	37 CFR 1.102(c)(1)
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This is a decision on the petition under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1), filed March 8, 2006, to make the above-identified application special based on applicant's age as set forth in M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Section IV.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

A grantable petition to make an application special under 37 CFR 1.102(c)(1) and MPEP § 708.02, Section IV: Applicant's Age must be accompanied by evidence showing that at least one of the applicants is 65 years of age, or more, such as a birth certificate or a statement by applicant. No fee is required

The instant petition includes a statement from Inventor Lawrence M. Sherman stating that he is over 65 years of age. Accordingly, the above-identified application has been accorded "special" status.

Telephone inquiries concerning this decision should be directed to Irvin Dingle at 571-272-3210.

All other inquiries concerning either the examination or status of the application should be directed to the Technology Center.

The application is being forwarded to the Technology Center Art Unit 3626 for action on the merits commensurate with this decision.

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